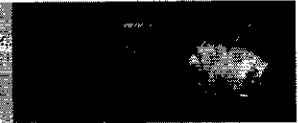


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Dear Ms. Goodwin,

I am writing to congratulate the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) on the launch of the Biodiversity on Campus guide, and to thank you for bringing this valuable publication to my attention.

Achieving the three objectives of the Convention, as well as the Convention's target to significantly reduce, by 2010, the rate of biodiversity loss, requires biodiversity issues to be integrated across all sectors of society. Practical guides such as yours, on exactly how to take into account biodiversity issues in day-to-day management of institutions, are very much needed. By targeting centers of learning, the guide also promises to serve as a model for a wider, multidisciplinary audience. Certainly, students graduating from greener campuses will be more likely to consider biodiversity issues important as they move forward in their professional careers.

The Secretariat is currently undertaking a re-design of its website, located at <http://www.biodiv.org>. Among the changes planned are webpages dedicated to stakeholder groups, including universities. A link to the 'Biodiversity on Campus' guide will be added there, and will provide an important resource to our site's visitors.

Thank you for your support to biodiversity conservation, and the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,


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